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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. August 21, 2017 - For the week ending August 20, 2017, harvest progress was either halted or delayed, as significant rainfall amounts were received over much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Moisture amounts ranged from half an inch to over three inches. Some hail was received in the western part of the State. The recent moisture greened up pastures and allowed some producers in drier areas to take a second cutting of alfalfa. Temperatures across the State averaged two to six degrees below normal. There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 34 short, 48 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 36 short, 45 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 6 percent very poor, 11 poor, 33 fair, 45 good, and 5 excellent. Corn silking was 98 percent, near 95 last year and 97 for the five-year average. Dough was 50 percent, behind 68 last year and 59 average. Dented was 6 percent, behind 17 last year and 14 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 36 fair, 44 good, and 3 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 96 percent, near 99 both last year and average. Setting pods was 88 percent, behind 93 both last year and average. Dropping leaves was 4 percent, near 5 both last year and average.

Winter wheat harvested was 85 percent, behind 94 last year.

Spring wheat condition rated 20 percent very poor, 19 poor, 26 fair, 30 good, and 5 excellent. Spring wheat mature was 94 percent. Harvested was 52 percent, behind 61 last year, but ahead of 45 average.

Barley harvested was 75 percent, near 74 last year, and ahead of 58 average.

Oats mature was 95 percent. Harvested was 72 percent, behind 78 last year, but ahead of 57 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 8 percent very poor, 17 poor, 45 fair, 29 good, and 1 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 95 percent. Ray flowers dried was 10 percent, well behind 38 last year.

Dry edible beans condition rated 7 percent very poor, 15 poor, 25 fair, 45 good, and 8 excellent. Dry edible beans setting pods was 91 percent, near 94 last year, and equal to average. Dropping leaves was 20 percent, behind 25 last year, and near 22 average.

Durum wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 30 poor, 45 fair, 11 good, and 0 excellent. Durum wheat mature was 70 percent, ahead of 56 last year. Harvested was 19 percent.

Canola condition rated 13 percent very poor, 21 poor, 26 fair, 31 good, and 9 excellent. Canola coloring was 96 percent, near 93 last year, and ahead of 90 average. Harvested was 17 percent, behind 29 last year, and near 21 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 26 percent very poor, 29 poor, 33 fair, 11 good, and 1 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 89 percent, near 93 last year, but ahead of 83 average. Harvested was 18 percent, near 21 last year.

Dry edible peas harvested was 77 percent, behind 87 last year, but ahead of 65.

Potato condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 23 fair, 47 good, and 13 excellent. Potatoes rows closed was 92 percent, behind 97 last year. Vines dry was 13 percent, near 10 last year.

Alfalfa condition rated 35 percent very poor, 33 poor, 27 fair, 5 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 85 percent complete, near 81 last year, and ahead of 80 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 7 fair, 32 good, and 60 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 2 percent, equal to both last year and average.

Lentils harvested was 25 percent.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 30 percent very poor, 35 poor, 29 fair, 6 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 20 percent very short, 38 short, 41 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-08-21-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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